

DOH-PINELLAS HIGHLIGHTS RECENT EFFORTS IN PROVIDING COVID-19 VACCINES, MARCH 29-APRIL 4

The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas), in partnership with the Florida Department of Health, Florida Division of Emergency Management and Pinellas County Government, is providing COVID-19 vaccination sites.

To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware regarding the status of the virus, DOH-Pinellas will continue to issue this update every week. Registrations for vaccines in Pinellas are made via the CDR Maguire Patient Portal at www.PatientPortalFL.com or, for information, call (844) 770-8548.

County health departments have an important role to play in administering vaccine. Here's a summary of some of our top efforts during March 29-April 4:

- The state site in Palm Harbor was popular with the 50+ public during the 10 days it was
 in operation. When it closed, the state set up another site near the Clearwater YMCA to
 provide first doses and second doses to those vaccinated at the Palm Harbor sites.
- In Pinellas, county-supported sites in St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park and Largo are open and book appointments via the CDR Maguire Patient Portal. With the change in eligibility to include all ages as determined by the type of vaccine administered, the Pfizer sites in Pinellas will be allowing the 16-to-17-year-old age group to register for appointments.
- We are continuing our health equity mission of taking vaccines to houses of worship and
 other locations in the community. In the past week, four outreach events were completed
 at three locations serving primarily African American populations and one serving mostly
 Asian residents. The plan is to do add two of these outreach events each week to create
 more access points for underserved residents. In all, about 8,000 residents have been
 vaccinated at these outreach events.
- DOH-Pinellas is continuing its efforts to vaccinate eligible adults enrolled in the countyfunded Primary Care Program for very low-income and homeless clients. Staff have also been providing vaccines to homeless shelters to protect this population that has no access to community vaccination sites.

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DOH-Pinellas continues to fight to protect health and safety as the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine continues. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Nextdoor for agency updates.

Residents 16 and older can schedule appointments for Pfizer vaccines via the CDR HealthPro portal as they become available at https://www.patientportalfl.com.

For up-to-date information on vaccine availability in Pinellas County, visit https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/vaccines/

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